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Highest priority cities for travel in USSR during 1956 are:

1. Otpor (Manchuria station) Border transfer installations, traffic
- \* 2. Sayn Shanda (Mongolia) Oil movement - direction, amount
- \* 2a. Ulan Bator (Mongolia) General traffic and coal movement  
Dieselization of RR
- 2b. Ulan Ude Terminus-Mongolian traffic
3. Grodekovo (Pogranichnaya) Border transfer installations, traffic
4. Chita Trans-Siberian traffic, foreign trade with China
5. Semipalatinsk Traffic Turk-Sib line
- 5a. Sary Osek Off-loading point for traffic defined for China
6. Temir-Tau (near Karaganda) Large steel works started
- 6a. Karaganda Coal production, rail traffic
7. Salekhard Traffic across Ob River on ferry, rail traffic on Salekhard-Igarka line
8. Vorkuta Coal traffic, data on traffic to Salekhard and east, rail line building to Urals
- 8a. Kotlas Coal traffic
9. Temir-Tau (on Stalinsk branch) Heavy industry, traffic, electrification
- 9a. Stalinsk
10. Baku POL rail traffic
11. Akmolinsk South Sib and Karaganda railroad traffic
12. Komsomolsk General RR activities, river activities, traffic
- 12a. Khabarovsk Headquarters Far East Railroad
13. Brest Transloading station between Poland and USSR
14. Yakutsk Is there any railroad construction or existing RR here?
15. Osetrovo Transfer point to Lena, traffic
- 15a. Ust Kut - (east of Taishet)
16. Ufa POL movement and electrification of RR, general main line traffic
17. Kulunda-Barnaul-Stalinsk (South Siberian RR) Inspection, traffic
18. Slagoveshchensk Port facilities, traffic transferred, rail to river and reverse, river traffic, timber floating

\* Reported that line between Mongolia and China will be opened to passenger and freight traffic 1 January 1956.

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19. Kemerovo RR to Anshero Sudzhensk (?), traffic,  
particularly chemicals
20. Alma Ata RR to China
21. Nakhodka Port installations, traffic
22. Tomsk Traffic on branch line, extensions of  
branch
23. Guryev New RR from Astrakhan and Chardzhou
24. Tashkent POL movement from Krasnovodsk
25. Termez Traffic to Afghanistan
26. Odessa RR layout in town, port facilities
27. Kharkov Traffic counts - totals, type of car,  
type of load when visible
28. Minsk Is construction of RR facilities complete  
or continuing? Traffic counts on trips,  
passenger traffic, number of passenger  
trains per day
29. Kiev Same as Minsk - Note type of manufactured  
goods moving on open cars.
30. Kuybyshev Are there signs of electrification planning  
or construction? Port and transfer  
facilities activity, type of through RR  
traffic - volume, bridges over Volga
31. Rostov Port transfer facilities and activity
32. Voronezh Bridges over Don, traffic activity
33. Archangel Traffic on line, Moscow - Archangel
- 33a. Murmansk Traffic on line, Leningrad - Murmansk  
Note particularly whether covered hoppers  
or gondolas are used.
34. Leningrad Trip usually made at night. If a daytime  
trip can be made, please take a traffic  
count of freight and passenger cars.
35. Astrakhan Bridge across Volga, stations - passenger  
and freight, river and sea transloading  
facilities and activity. Is service, either  
passenger or freight, moving on line to  
Guryevsk?
36. Stalingrad Traffic

If trip to Astrakhan is made, activities and special type trains should be checked around Kapustin Yar.

Repeated reporting on railroad traffic is necessary on the lines leading to  
the Soviet border, particularly to Brest, and on the Trans-Siberian railroad, to  
provide indications of Soviet intentions.

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